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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment and Response to Final Office Action ("Amendment") is filed in response to the final Office action, dated March 27, 2006 ("Office Action"). A three-month period for reply was set in the Office Action. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension for response; thus, a timely response is made on or before July 27, 2006. A one-month extension fee is being paid online concurrent with this submission. It is believed that no additional fees are required to file this Amendment; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 02-4550.

Please amend the specification as set forth on page 2.

Please amend the claims as set forth beginning on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 5 and conclude on page 6.